

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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“Where are we going”

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Chief's Message

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma held our Annual General Council Meeting on March 5, 2011, where Don Giles was sworn in as Secretary of the Business Committee. The annual report to our membership, along with, tribal budgets were presented to the General Council. The Business Committee also informed the membership of the plans for the purchase of minority shares of Buffalo Run Hotel from RHW hotel group.

It was a pleasure to see all the tribal members and their families that weekend. I want to thank the staff and Stomp Dance Committee for an outstanding day and evening. It is great to see everyone and visit with our tribal family. Once again, you may contact the office to receive any of the handouts that we made available at our meeting.

The Business Committee also announced the purchase of a tract of land

that was part of the Peoria Tribe's original allotment. This property consists of over 150 acres of land which once was the Miami County Club and golf course. The previous owner had closed the golf course and business operations before the closing of the purchase. The Business Committee is exploring all options for this property. As with any asset of the tribe, your elected officials feel that land in our original allotment is a priority and a sound investment of tribal resources.

On May 27, the end of an era has reached our friends of the Wyandotte Nation. Chief Leaford Bearskin retired. Chief Bearskin was a great leader and represented the Wyandotte Nation with pride and dignity. Many tribal leaders, myself included, were honored to attend a reception celebrating his service, not only for the Wyandotte people, but all Native Americans in our area.

As summer is approaching, I hope to see many tribal members at the various functions held by the tribes in Ottawa County. I would like to remind each of you that our Pow-Wow will be held June 24-26 and encourage you to attend or even assist during that week.

As always, if you are in town, or even just passing through, feel free to stop by for a cup of coffee, our just to say hello. We all wish each tribal family a safe and fun-filled summer.

John P. Froman
Chief

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The Interfaith Forum

With the collaboration of the Hegler-Carus Foundation and Grace United Methodist Church, we are pleased to announce the formation of an *Interfaith Forum*.

The Interfaith Forum was created to promote harmony among all local religious and spiritual communities in order to enable respectful, appreciative and cooperative relationships with persons and communities of other traditions.

You may be aware that Dr. Paul Carus, a world-renowned scholar, writer and publisher in the fields of religion, philosophy and science, was an organizer of the first Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893 in Chicago. The Parliament did not meet again until 1993, but it has met every five years since then, in various locations throughout the world.

We share the vision of the Parliament of a just, peaceful and sustainable world in which:

- Religious and spiritual communities live in harmony and contribute to a better world from their riches of wisdom and compassion;
- Religious and cultural fears and hatreds are replaced with understanding and respect ;
- People everywhere come to know and care for their neighbors;
- The richness of human and religious diversity is woven into the fabric of communal, civil, societal and global life;
- The world's most powerful and influential institutions move beyond narrow self-interest to realize common good;
- The Earth and all life are cherished, protected, healed and restored; and
- All people commit to living out their highest values and aspirations.

We feel there is a need for discussion and interfaith relationships in our local area, as well as the world at large. Therefore, a discussion group will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Hegler Carus Mansion, 1307 Seventh Street, La Salle, IL. The next meeting will be on **June 14, 2011**. We invite you to come and participate in the discussion. Please RSVP to 270-703-9799 or by e-mail to teddibera@gmail.com on or before June 10, 2011. You may also use that contact information if you have any questions.

Toni Lucas
Spiritual Formation Director
Grace United Methodist Church
Foundation

Kelly Klobucher
Executive Director
Hegler Carus

Child Care Development Fund Program

Native American Youth Camp has been cancelled for this year, 2011.

We are also planning our annual Providers Appreciation Banquet. That is a banquet to show all our providers that we appreciate the quality of care they give to our Native American families.

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- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level. There will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example**: Monthly net income of \$4,054.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$105.00 per child per month. Every family will have a co-pay.
- Reside with a parent, parents or guardian who are gainfully employed or attending a job training or educational program; or receive, or need to receive, protective services.
- Adult must be at work or in class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

PEORIA TRIBE SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
April 30, 2011			
ACTIVITY			TOTAL
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$2,698.85
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	10,231.49
	INTEREST	10,231.49	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			807.14
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	244,893.45
	INTEREST	68,043.29	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	231,560.05
	INTEREST	59,409.10	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	231,616.87
	INTEREST	59,465.92	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	78,353.60
	INTEREST	20,966.79	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,441.85	841,091.20
	INTEREST	269,649.35	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	79,467.30
	INTEREST	22,080.49	
TOTAL			1,720,719.95
			SUMMARY
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			106,061.95
INVESTMENTS			1,614,658.00
TOTAL			1,720,719.95

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report As of 04/30/2011 (In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2012 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Title VI	-	729	(729)
Indirect Cost Pool	196,352	20,818	175,534
Tribal Properties	319,995	2,927	317,068
Trading Post	7,580	-	7,580
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	9,200	20	9,180
Gaming Commission	381,500	27,274	354,226
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,076	-	9,076
Pow Wow Fund*	33,223	-	33,223
Education/Activity 2617	935,000	-	935,000
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	-	150,000
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	-	100,000
Burial / Activity 2617	95,000	7,272	87,728
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	800,816	3,665	797,151
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	-	25,000
Totals FY 2011	3,062,742	62,705	3,000,037
Open FY 2011 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	99,241	72,807	26,434
Higher Education Grant	-	8,783	8,751
Natural Resource Damage Assessment	33,400	24,649	8,751
Community Health Representative	54,237	31,654	22,583
Library	6,000	1,628	4,372
Totals FY 2011	192,878	139,521	62,140
Open FY 2010 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	246,006.00	8515.58	237,490
Indian Child Welfare	90,531	89,731	800
IRR Roads	8,748	-	8,748
Water Resources Contract	32,000	8,844	23,156
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	40,000	26,000	14,000
Child Care and Development Fund	742,949	333,906	409,043
Chronic Wasting Disease	10,000	9,726	274
Non Point Source Water Comp-PW	123,865	27,183	96,682
Water-Non Point Source-Base	50,000	22,120	27,880
Water Quality Program	121,053	47,413	73,640
Energy Efficiency & Conservation	65,400	12,268	53,132
Fire Prevention & Safety Grant	117,219	95,187	22,032
Totals FY 2010	1,647,771	680,893	966,878
Open FY 2009 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	250,981.00	228,016	22,965
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	18,800	14,860	3,940
Fish & Wildlife	199,846	187,666	12,180
NAGPRA	60,483	32,591	27,892
IRR Roads	28,905	11,054	17,851
GAP	250,000	136,743	113,257
Air Program	133,238	123,588	9,650
Totals FY 2009	942,253	734,518	203,795
Open FY 2008 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	333,218.46	322,075	11,144
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	-	25,069
National Parks Service	65,207	63,579	1,628
Totals FY 2008	423,494	385,654	37,840
Open FY 2007 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	128	95	33
Totals FY 2007	128	95	33
Open FY 2003 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program	98,845	58,734	40,111
Totals FY 2003	98,845	58,734	40,111



THE ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The Importance of Water Conservation and Protection

Less than one percent of all water on the planet is available for human use. The remaining 99+ percent is tied up in glaciers and oceans. This statistic emphasizes the importance of water conservation and protection even in areas where water is seemingly abundant. It is easy for water to be abused and degraded, but extremely costly and difficult to remediate once that happens. There are many things we can do as individuals to protect our water resources.

Down the Drain

The first thing to remember is to be aware of what goes down the drain. City wastewater systems are not required or designed to completely remove all contaminants from the water before release into local rivers or streams. Household chemicals such as chlorine bleach, toxic cleaners, paint thinners, and even medications that dissolve in water can end up in the watershed even after treatment. Most communities offer services for disposal of those items that should not be dumped in the sewer systems. Septic systems are not an exception to this problem. In fact, since most septic systems have leach lines that run relatively close to the home, the contamination remains, literally, in your own backyard.

The other major system that is susceptible to unintentional contamination is the storm water drainage system. This includes gutters, ditches, storm drains, and storm sewers. The water flowing into these systems is not sent through any treatment, but instead is funneled directly to streams and rivers. Most of the contamination from this route comes from grease/oil from roads, driveways, and parking lots. However, pesticides and fertilizers from yards and/or agriculture can enter these systems as well. The best way to prevent this type of pollution is to make sure that your vehicle is properly maintained, and use good planning when applying chemicals to your lawn or garden.

Water Quality Word Search

X V U I F L Q A N T B G Z Q M
 E C P X P F A M O R P Z H B F
 G C P E S T I C I D E S T R V
 N S R Z X F M L T M P E R K O
 V P M U F U Z G A H I R E F J
 G O O O O C N X N C Q R A V O
 G M N L R S W B I I E E T U D
 A U E I L H E K M T Z I M Z W
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 V D S B T S L G B Q P M P N G

CHEMICALS

CONTAMINATION

DRAIN

OCEAN

OIL

PESTICIDES

POLLUTION

RESOURCE

RIVER

RUNOFF

SEPTIC

SEWER

STORMWATER

TREATMENT

WATER

ANNUAL CHR REPORT JANUARY 2010 DECEMBER 2010

<u>2851</u>	HOME VISITS
<u>3157</u>	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEN IN THE HOME
<u>3157</u>	BLOOD PRESURE TAKEN IN THE HOME
<u>188</u>	Diabetic screenings in the home
<u>09</u>	Anemia screenings in the home
<u>392</u>	Injections given in the home
<u>144</u>	Catheters changed and UA's to area lab
<u>731</u>	Insulin prepared for diabetic patient unable to see well enough to prepare his own.
<u>98</u>	Dressing changed
<u>00</u>	Blood drawn
<u>00</u>	Physical therapy
<u>02</u>	Stitches removed
<u>103</u>	Podiatry clinic at Peoria Tribal CHR Office
<u>294</u>	Phone inquiry and instructions
<u>213</u>	Wellness Health program at CHR office
<u>252</u>	Medication and supplies delivered to homebound

Screenings in CHR office

<u>118</u>	Blood Pressure
<u>32</u>	Diabetic
<u>07</u>	Anemia
<u>00</u>	Audiology
<u>07</u>	Cholesterol

O.B. Clinic

<u>127</u>	Prenatal
<u>164</u>	Postnatal
<u>274</u>	Infants
<u>273</u>	Children

Workshops presented: I HELPED LINDA DAVIS COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE AT NETHS WITH FLU CLINICS AT PEORIA, QUAPAW, MIAMI, SENECA, AND MODOC OFFICES. WE ALSO GAVE FLU SHOTS AT THE AREA DAY CARES AND CASINOS. TOTAL NUMBER OF FLU SHOTS GIVEN WERE 337.. EIGHTEEN T.B. SKIN TESTS WERE ALSO GIVEN

Workshops attended: I ATTENDED FOUR BOARD MEETINGS AT CLARMORE INDIAN HOSPITAL.

REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM DOCTORS:

Stroub, and Paul Toma, Joplin, MO
Doney, Osborn, Grotheer, Stephens, Stout and Neths, Miami, OK

REFERRALS MADE TO DOCTORS:

Stroub, Doney, Osborn, Grotheer, Stephens, Grigsby, Stout, Chestnut, and Neths

TOTAL CONTACTS: 4535

Thank you for allowing me to serve our people.
Barbara Stacy, L.P.N.
CHR Director

Child Care Development Fund Program

The CCDF Program is better prepared for the New Year. We are meeting with the Northeast Tribal CCDF programs to plan the trainings/events for the entire year. The trainings are for our providers. By scheduling the trainings for the entire year, it enables the providers and the CCDF programs to schedule around our trainings.

We are planning the National Week of the Young Child (WOYC) events. The week will be April 18-21. The first day will be the Fun Fest at the Civic Center for the providers. The next two days the lower elementary schools and providers of Ottawa County will be entertained by The Adventures of Travis and Presley (www.adventureswithtravisandpresley.com).

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TOOT YOUR HORN

Olivia Lindsly played center for the Bartlesville Blitz of the Indian Nation Basketball Conference. The Blitz won 2nd place in the conference, winning 9 games with only 1 loss in the finals. Olivia is the daughter of



Ben & Celina Lindsly, granddaughter of Rob & Roberta Lindsly all of Bartlesville. She is the great great granddaughter of Alice Hedges and the late Forrest Hedges of Miami. Proud of you Olivia.



Charity Jones of Miami, OK took the first place All-Around title for the Jr. D division at the USGA Jr. Olympic National Championships held in Long Beach, CA, May 13-15. She competed against 57 top gymnast from all over the United States. She claimed the first place spot with an AA score of 38.250.

She also won first place medals on the vault and floor and received a bronze medal on the beam and a 5th place medal on the bars. Charity earned a spot on the Jr. Olympic National Team and has been invited to train at a camp held at the Olympic Training Center in Houston.



BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared with all members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 7, 2010, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for November 2010 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to increase the budget modification an additional \$100,000 from Tribal Enterprises to Land Purchases. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-01-04-11-A ("Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll") as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Due to weather conditions there was not a quorum present to conduct business. Chief Froman declared the meeting adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared with all members present except Jason Dollarhide. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Capital expenditures from the reserves balance of Buffalo Run Casino up to \$100,000 for construction and remodel of the room. Motion passed by a vote of 5 for and 1 against. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for December 2010 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-02-01-11-A (Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll") as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Name Change as requested through the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to table Resolution R-02-01-11-B ("Resolution Approving Agreement Concerning the Cooperation and Coordination Among the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes Pertaining to Joint Legal Representation in 2011 Legal Representation: the Cherokee Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Ottawa Tribe; Miami Tribe; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Seneca-Cayuga Tribe; and Wyandotte Nation"). Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to table Resolution R-02-01-11-C ("Contract for Hiring the Law Firm of "Shannon D. Work, P.C." and the Law Firm of "The Cleary Law Group" for Legal Counsel Needs for Pending Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Activities"). Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to write a letter on behalf of the Peoria Tribe to the Chief of the Miami Tribe supporting their claim of sovereignty. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 1, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared with six members present. Hank Downum called that he would be arriving late. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 1, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 16, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Froman announced that Hank Downum was now present. Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Budget as presented for Peoria Ridge was made and seconded. Hank Downum requested a voice vote. The motion carried by a vote of 4 for and 2 against with the following votes: For by John Sharp, Jason Dollarhide, Carolyn Ritchey, and Alan Goforth and Against by Hank Downum and Jenny Rampey. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Capital Expenditures Budget of Peoria Ridge for 2012 in the amount of \$44,060. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Budget of Buffalo Run Hotel as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012 budget for Buffalo Run Casino as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for January 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to remove Resolutions R-002-01-11-B and R-02-01-11-C from the table. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the resolutions. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-03-01-11-A ("Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll") as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the reappointments of Jenny Rampey and Gale Wayne Black to the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motions were made and seconded to approve five resolutions and each carried by unanimous vote: (1) Resolution R-03-01-11-B, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Tribal Tax Commission to Tribal Enterprises Account"; (2) Resolution R-03-01-11-C, "Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a 2011 First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands Grant"; (3) Resolution R-03-01-11-D, "Authorization of Tribal Officials to Conduct Business with Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians"; (4) Resolution R-03-01-11-E, "Approval of Lease from Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Land to House Ottawa/Peoria Warehouse and Community

TRADING POST

ITEMS WITH PEORIA LOGO

T-Shirts, children (12, 24 month & 3T , ex.sm, sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (XL)	\$10.00
T-Shirts, adults (XXL & XXXL)	\$12.00
Ceramic coffee mugs	
\$5.00 ea. Or 2/\$9.00	
14 oz. Travel mugs	\$5.00
Tribal Caps (many colors)	\$10.00
Novelty License Plates	\$6.00

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE

Peoria History Books	\$20.00
Miami-Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Child Shawl	\$20.00
Beaded Ear Rings	\$10.00—\$12.00
Beaded Necklaces	\$5.00—\$25.00
Leather Purse	\$40.00
Aprons	\$20.00
Dish Towels (set of 7)	\$40.00

**PLEASE SEE
PICTURE ON THE
BACK PAGE OF THE
NEW BALL CAPS IN
THE TRADING POST!**

Trading Post!!

The trading post has a variety of items available at reasonable prices. For children you might want to consider a t-shirt or a beaded night light cover. Almost any teen would appreciate a history book or dictionary to learn more about his/her heritage. Ideas for adults include coffee mugs for home or travel.

The sizes for the t-shirts are as small as 12 month and go up from there for adults. The trading post still has the dictionary of the Miami-Peoria language at a cost of \$7.00.

It is not possible for us to estimate the exact shipping charges for your order until we know the total weight of your items. Our estimated shipping/processing/handling fees are as follows:

Orders up to \$75.00 will be \$7.50 and over \$75.00 is going to be 10% of merchandise total. Please add shipping/handling charges as listed above to your purchase and make your check payable to PEORIA TRIBE and mail to PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355-1527. Allow at least 10 days for delivery.

Don't forget the beading class is for anyone to come and enjoy. If you know how to bead and would like to teach the ladies some new techniques please come by the office on Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of

Oklahoma has opened its Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault Program to all Native Americans in the 50-mile radius of the Miami Office. The program provides advocacy services, emergency shelter assistance, referral services, protective order assistance, rape response at all area hospitals, resume writing, career and education services, support groups and transitional housing assistance. The victim/survivor needs to provide proof of Indian blood, statements for requested assistance, and police reports/protective orders (if applicable). Any Native American living within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Miami Office that is a current or recent victim of family violence is eligible to apply. Please contact the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma at 918-787-5452 x 36 or 866 787-5452 x 36.

NEW BOOK OF MYAAMIA AND PEORIA STORIES PUBLISHED

Developed through the Myaamia Project at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, the first collection of Miami-Illinois texts has been published. *myaami neehi peewaalia aacimoona neehi aalhsoohkaana*, a collection of Myaamia and Peoria narratives and winter stories, edited and translated by David J. Costa, is now available for purchase through the Trading Post. The cost of the book, including postage, is \$6.00 for shipping at book rate (7-10 day delivery) or \$8.00 for priority first class mail.

Dr. David J. Costa has spent much of the past twenty-two years translating and interpreting this collection of stories. Daryl Baldwin, Director of the Myaamia Project of Miami University, worked closely with Dr. Costa on the project.

The book is presented in a bilingual format where Miami-Illinois appears on the left page and a free English translation on the right page.

To quote Mr. Baldwin, “Our elders knowingly left these stories for us, all of us, of all ages and generations. The meanings behind these stories are culturally layered and deeply seated in our history. Uncovering this knowledge will take generations of thoughtful work. As a result of that effort, we hope the stories will continue to find themselves in expected and unexpected places within our communities.” He continues, providing clarity of storytelling, “Within the Myaamia community storytelling begins with *teekwahkahki* ‘the killing frost’ in late fall and commences with the arrival of *ciinkwiaki* ‘thunder beings’ in the spring. We believe it is the wish of our ancestors that we continue to follow this storytelling pattern, for they warned us not to tell winter stories out of season.”

This book will be not only a vision into the past for many of us, but also a look into the future as it is shared with children and grandchildren for generations to come. These stories were filled with “lessons” to be learned as we continue to create new stories.

For those who are students of language who wish to learn more about pronunciation of the Miami-Illinois words, the Trading Post has available the *myaamia neehi peewaalia ka-loosioni mahsinaakani: a Miami-Peoria Dictionary*, released by Baldwin and Costa in 2005. The costs for the dictionary, including postage, is \$14.50.

Center”; and (5) Resolution R-03-01-11-F, “Approval of Lease from Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Land to House Peoria Tribal Office Headquarters. Motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2012 Tribal Trust Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2012 Tribal Budget as presented with the addition of \$44,060 to the Peoria Ridge Capital Expenditures and an increase of \$5,000 to the Pow-wow Budget for a total of \$30,521. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to go into Executive Session was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to return to Open Session was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of the 49% interest of RHW Buffalo Hotel, LLC in accordance with the terms of the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to put full control of the properties of the golf course and the hotel under the management of Direct Enterprise Development with full management control effective immediately with no additional fee other than the 30% paid out of gaming operations. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to amend the Tribal Enterprise Budget by \$3,300,000 for the purchase of the assets of Buffalo Run Hotel from RHW Buffalo Hotel, LLC and amend the Economic Development Budget in conjunction with that amendment, and further, to transfer out of Tribal Enterprises \$175,000 to cover the losses at Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 5, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared with seven members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 1, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for February 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. No unfinished business was brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Peoria Gaming Commission Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motions were made and seconded to approve three resolutions and each carried by unanimous votes: (1) Resolution R-04-05-11-A, “Resolution Approving Agreement Concerning the Cooperation and Coordination Among the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes Pertaining to Joint Legal Representation in 2011 Legal Representation: The Cherokee Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Ottawa Tribe; Miami Tribe; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Seneca-Cayuga Tribe; and Wyandotte Nation”; (2) Resolution R-04-05-11-B, “Contract for Hiring the Law Firm of “Shannon D. Work, P.C.” and the Law Firm of “The Cleary Law Group” for Legal Counsel Needs for Pending Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Activities”; and (3) Resolution R-04-05-11-C, “Approval for Formation of Corporation and Appointment of Director”. There was no request for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.



**Major Events for
2011**

**Peoria Ridge 2-
man Best Ball~
August 13 & 14**

**FAMILIES OF DECEASED
VETERANS**

Attention families of deceased Veterans interred at the Peoria Tribal Cemetery. The tribal office is updating the information on the Veteran's Memorial. Please contact Frank Hecksher at the tribal office at 918-540-2535 with veteran's information for your deceased loved one who served in any branch of the military. Form DD 214, or its equivalent, should be submitted so we may add your loved one's name to the Veterans Memorial located at the Peoria Cemetery. The Memorial will be engraved with the veteran's name and branch of service. Please call the office if you have any questions.

PEORIA RIDGE GOLF COURSE

To schedule a golf outing of your own, please contact Peoria Ridge Golf Course at 918-542-7676.

Rates (Includes Cart):

Monday-Friday.....\$30
 Saturday-Sunday & Holidays.....\$40
 Senior (55 & Older) Monday-Friday....\$24
 Twilight Mon.-Fri.....\$26
 Twilight Sat.-Sun.....\$32
 Member-Guest Mon.-Fri.....\$24
 Member-Guest Sat.-Sun. & Holidays....\$30

Tribal Members Show Cards for Free Golf!

Tribal Members Guest M-F \$16.35
 S-S \$19.60

Call the pro shop for monthly Promotional specials!



**Looks at what is on
sell at Peoria Ridge!**

**Nike, Cobra Titleist
Clubs 10% off**

**Footjoy Shoes and
Clothing 10% off**

**OU & OSU
Merchandise 10% off**



Indian Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are available to all enrolled Tribal members and, in most cases, to those who are eligible for enrollment.

The Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) is located in the Tribal Programs Building. If you should need our services, please feel free to contact us there. The office number is 918-540-2535 you can ask for Doug Journeycake, Director (Ext. 19 or Cell 918-540-4370) and/or Faye Woods, Secretary/Intake Worker (Ext. 32 or Cell 918-533-8808).

Tribal Foster Homes will soon become a future requirement. Would you be interested in becoming a Tribal Foster Home? Open your heart and home to children in need. Give children a chance to have a new and better life. The rewards of being a foster parent are there for the adults, as well as the wonderful results for the children. The process is relatively simple, you fill out an application, and we will do a thorough Federal and State background check on anyone over 18 years of age living in the home. We will require you to provide four personal references that the Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) will contact, and then the Indian Child Welfare Director or his designated representative will do a home visit in your home. Once that process is completed, the ICWP may license your home as a tribal foster home in conjunction with the approval of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Doug Journeycake, Director
Indian Child Welfare

Brown Mackie College – Oklahoma City is the newest location of the Brown Mackie College system of more than 25 schools, located across the United States. We are dedicated to providing educational programs that prepare students for entry-level positions in a competitive, rapidly-changing workplace. Brown Mackie College – Oklahoma City is located at 7101 Northwest Expressway, Suite 800 and occupies approximately 35,000 square feet of classroom, computer lab, allied health labs, library, and office space. Our initial program offerings include Associate of Applied Science Degrees in:

- Accounting Technology
- Business Management
- Health Care Administration
- Medical Assisting
- Office Management
- Paralegal

We offer convenient, one-course-a-month schedules, during the day or evenings. Students can start classes any month and we provide student support from start to finish.

Brown Mackie College – Oklahoma City is a branch of Brown Mackie College – Salina which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association and has been granted authority to operate in Oklahoma by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).

EDUCATION

Renewal applications were mailed to 231 renewal students. Thank you to the Education committee Donna Fitzgibbon, Sadie Detherage and Alan Goforth. The committee is responsible for screening student applications and I know their efforts are appreciated. The committee will meet the first of August 2011 to review the applications submitted by the July 31st deadline.

Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Please feel free to stop by the Peoria Tribal Office for other financial aid or scholarship information. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribes.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester. Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation for that semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility for one semester.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. The Peoria Tribe is proud of our students and would like to acknowledge their accomplishments in a future newsletter. If you have a family member who won't "toot their own horn", please do it for them. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have about the scholarship program or about the part-time funding.

Mandie Ferguson
Education Director

Tribal Committees

Grievance Committee

Katy Sisco.....2012
Annette Black.....2013
Claude Landers..... 2013
Tabitha Sixkiller.....2014
Lela Stand.....2014

Election Committee

Tonya Grayson, Chairperson; Toni Potts, Secretary; Roberta Lindsly; Bud Ellis, Courtney McCartney

Enrollment Committee

Jenny Rampey & Gale Wayne Black

Economic Development/Finance/ Properties

Roberta Lindsly, Secretary; John Livingston; and Alan Goforth

Housing/Social Services

Beebe Mitchell & M. Annette Black

Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage

Audit Committee

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Jason Dollarhide, Co-Chairperson; Charla K. EchoHawk; Co-Chairperson; Michael Eddy; John Froman; Eddie Froman; Don Giles; Cynthia Purgason; LeAnne Reeves; Jane Hahn; Laura McCoy

Cemetery Committee

Bill Blalock; John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly; & Rick Landers

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Since February, the Enrollment Office has received seventy-six (67) address changes, nine (9) name changes and five (5) deceased membership notifications. Thirty-seven (37) duplicate membership card applications were processed. The Business Committee has approved thirty (30) new members. Currently there are 2984 tribal members.

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, or need assistance in acquiring one, please call the Enrollment Office. We have most state applications for birth certificates in the office. Currently there are 1150 members without a state certified birth certificate on file.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed and you would like your enrollment file to reflect your current legal name please bring or send in your legal documentation (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and the change can be made. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the enrollment office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order, etc.) so your file can be updated. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members (647) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. When the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, on file for address changes. If you know someone on the list, above the age of 18, please have them drop us a letter, with their signature, requesting the address change or send them the change of address form. If you have a child under the age of 18 (and you are the legal custodial parent) who is listed on the list, please fill out the change of address form, sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. If anyone has knowledge of a person or persons listed on the whereabouts unknown list, sending this form to them would be greatly appreciated. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Attn: Enrollment Office
PO Box 1527
Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant's current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

State Seal
State File number
State Registrar's signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

Hospital birth certificates
Baptismal certificate (even when parents' names are shown)
Heirship records
County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Clerk

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address: _____

Old Address: _____

Address _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

City State Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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 * **In Memory Of:** *
 * **Crystal Elizabeth (Boyd) Baker** *
 * **4/05/2011** *
 * **Alice Darlene (Giles) Burgess** *
 * **04/04/2011** *
 * **Ronald Lee Johnson** *
 * **4/15/2011** *
 * **Mabel Mae (Staton) Rhodes** *
 * **4/10/2011** *
 * **David Abel Smith** *
 * **12/25/2010** *
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NEW EMPLOYEES



Hi, my name is Michelle Townsley and I am excited to have begun working in the Peoria Tribe's environmental department. I have two Associate degrees from NEO A & M; one in Pre-Engineering and the other in Natural Resources. I also have my B.S. from Pittsburg State University double-majoring in Biology and Chemistry with an emphasis in environmental management. This job is a perfect fit for me since the health of the environment was not just a career choice, but a lifelong passion. I love spending time outdoors and strive to teach my children how to preserve and care for our ever-threatened resources. With the support of my husband, David Townsley, and my boys, Caleb, Jacob, and Mason, I am able to be where I am today. I look forward to serving the Peoria Tribe in protecting the healthy environment we all deserve to live in.



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NEW BALL CAPS IN THE TRADING POST FOR \$12.00
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I was born and raised in Miami. After graduating from MHS I made the move to Colorado because I love the mountains. After many years snowboarding and climbing I moved back to Oklahoma to finish college. I graduated from Northeastern State University with a BS in biology. I have been teaching for several years in Oklahoma City. My wife, Katie, and I recently moved back to the area so she could take a job at Monkey Island. I enjoy spending time outdoors camping, bicycling, and running. I am excited to be a member of the Peoria Environmental Department and I look forward to working with this great group of people.